

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Phelps County, which is celebrating its sesquicentennial on June 2, 2007; and

Whereas, Phelps County was formally established by legislative action on November 13, 1857, and was named for the Honorable John Smith Phelps, then prominent Missourian and United States Congressman, and later governor of Missouri (1877-1881); and

Whereas, Phelps County was created from portions of Pulaski, Maries and Crawford counties, and a special commission was appointed to select the site for a county seat, with instructions to locate the site on the mail line of the railroad as near the center of the county as possible; and

Whereas, the commission was headed by Edmund Ward Bishop, the founder of Rolla, who was originally a railroad construction contractor in New York; and

Whereas, Bishop offered a tract of some fifty acres, and Rolla was legally declared the county seat in 1861; and

Whereas, today Phelps County and the City of Rolla are best known for the University of Missouri-Rolla and its world-recognized engineering colleges devoted to mines and mining (originally founded in 1870 as the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy), because the area is rich in minerals and is geologically unique; and

Whereas, the sesquicentennial celebration will be marked in Rolla with a parade and several other attractions to be located on the courthouse grounds, at 200 North Main Street in Rolla:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our congratulations to Phelps County on the auspicious occasion of its one hundred fiftieth anniversary; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Phelps County, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Jason Smith
District No. 150

Representative Bob May
District No. 149

Representative Don Wells

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker